



## ARIZONA STATE FORESTRY DIVISION

Thursday, May 15, 2008

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### FIRES ON STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS

Fire Name	Size	Comments
LATE NIGHT	0.75	This Incident consisted of (2) roadside fires along I-10 near Benson. Mescal FD responded with (1) engine and (1) water tender. No problems were reported.
KNOB FIRE	1.5	This Incident was located off Hwy 80, in the foothills of the Dagoon Ranch in Southeastern Arizona. Saint David FD responded with no problems reported.

#### TOTAL STATE FORESTRY RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO INCIDENTS YESTERDAY

AIRCRAFT	EQUIPMENT	OVERHEAD
0	8	61
CREWS		
NORTHERN AZ	SOUTHERN AZ	CENTRAL AZ
<u>State Forestry Crews:</u> Winslow (#1) – Available Winslow (#2) – Available Winslow Apache (#3) – Available Winslow Apache (#4) – Available  <u>Other Crews:</u> Flagstaff Fuels (short) – Available Highlands FD (short) - Available	<u>State Forestry Crews:</u> Douglas – Available Fort Grant – Available Wilmot Echo (#1) – Available Wilmot Catalina (#2) – Available  <u>Other Crews:</u> Ironwood IHC - Committed	<u>State Forestry Crews:</u> Adobe Camp Crew – Available Florence (#1) – Available Globe – Available Lewis – Available Perryville – Unavailable Yuma – Available  <u>Other Crews:</u> Granite Mountain IHC – Available 5/16

#### FIRES ON FEDERAL AND TRIBAL LANDS IN ARIZONA

Fire Name	Acres	Agency	Comments
SOLANO	2,545	Tohono O'odham Nation	Located 20 miles east of Sells, AZ, just south of Three Points, this Incident is now 95% contained. There was no fire growth reported with the increase in acres resulting from better mapping accuracy. Command of incident has been turned over to a local Type 3 organization. There will be no further reporting on this Incident unless significant changes occur.

## NATIONAL LARGE FIRE ACTIVITY

### **National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (290 new fires)	Light (85 new fires)
New large fires: 4 (*)	2 (*)
Large fires contained: 1	2
Uncontained large fires: 9	8
Area Command Teams committed: 0	0
NIMOs committed: 0	0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0	0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3	2
Fire Use Teams committed: 0	0

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

## FIRE WEATHER FORECAST

### **FLAGSTAFF:**

.DISCUSSION...A WEATHER DISTURBANCE MOVING SOUTHWARD NEAR THE FOUR CORNERS WILL BRING A CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND INCREASING MOISTURE MAINLY FROM FLAGSTAFF EASTWARD AND BREEZY NORTHEASTERLY WINDS TO THE REGION FOR TODAY AND FRIDAY. VENTILATION TODAY AND FRIDAY IS FORECAST TO RANGE FROM EXCELLENT TO VERY GOOD TODAY.

### **PHOENIX:**

...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 10 AM MST /10 AM PDT/ THIS MORNING TO 7 PM MST /7 PM PDT/ THIS EVENING FOR THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER VALLEY DUE TO STRONG NORTH WINDS...LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND A HIGH FIRE DANGER...

.DISCUSSION... LIGHT WINDS WILL GIVE WAY TO BREEZY TO WINDY CONDITIONS IN THE WESTERN ZONES THIS AFTERNOON. A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL DEVELOP OVER EASTERN ARIZONA WHILE HIGH PRESSURE BUILDS OVER OREGON; THIS WILL LEAD TO THE STRONGEST WINDS AT TIMES GUSTING TO 35 MPH ALONG THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER VALLEY. CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL LIKELY PERSIST SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE ABATING THIS EVENING. MOISTURE WAS ON THE INCREASE THIS MORNING THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN ZONES AND BY THIS AFTERNOON YOU CAN EXPECT A SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN SOUTHERN GILA COUNTY.

### **TUCSON:**

.DISCUSSION...A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL DEVELOP OVER THE AREA TODAY THEN SAG SOUTHWARD FRIDAY. THIS SYSTEM WILL BRING A CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS MAINLY NEAR THE NEW MEXICO BORDER LATE TODAY THROUGH LATE FRIDAY OR EARLY SATURDAY. BREEZY EAST WINDS WILL ALSO OCCUR ON FRIDAY HOWEVER RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO MEET OR EXCEED RED FLAG CRITERIA AT THIS TIME. HIGH PRESSURE BUILDING OVER SOUTHERN ARIZONA WILL BRING DRY CONDITIONS WITH A WARMING TREND EARLY NEXT WEEK.

For more detailed Arizona and national fire and weather information please visit the Arizona Fire Intelligence Information web page at <http://www.azsf.az.gov> Select "Fire Management" and then "Current Fire Information".

For detailed information for wildland fires throughout the Southwest and the Nation, visit the following webpage [www.incweb.org](http://www.incweb.org)